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In re Patent Application of:  
Toshiyuki MIYATA et al.

Application No.: 10/531,427

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Art Unit: 1656

For: SUBSTRATES SPECIFIC TO VON  
WILLEBRAND FACTOR CLEAVING  
PROTEASE AND METHOD OF ASSAYING  
THE ACTIVITY

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Examiner: A. D. Kim

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REMARKS**

For this present Supplemental Reply, no claims have been added, amended or cancelled. Therefore, a listing of claims is not needed.

Further to the Amendment that was filed on January 10, 2008, regarding the above-identified application, attached is a copy of the Declaration Under Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 that was inadvertently not sent with the Amendment.

Applicants note that on the bottom of page 21 of the above mentioned Amendment, Applicants had indicated that a Declaration was to be attached, further demonstrating that the Declaration was to be attached.

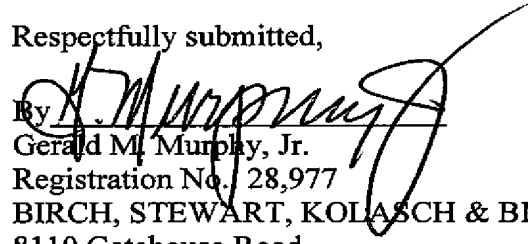
**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Paul D. Pyla, Reg. No. 59,228, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Attachments: Declaration Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132